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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-8139.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-98168.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-227113.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-72364.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-133911.

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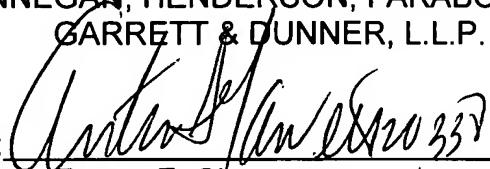
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